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**No. 78**

**Introduced by Assembly Members Logue and Pan**

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 78—Relative to Hmong History Month.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 78, as amended, Logue. Hmong History Month.

This measure would recognize September 2013 as Hmong History Month, urge all citizens to join in celebrating the accomplishments of the Hmong people during Hmong History Month, and encourage the people of California to recognize the many talents, achievements, and contributions that the Hmong people make to their communities.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The history of the Hmong people here in the United  
2 States, as well as throughout the ages, is indeed unique and vibrant,  
3 and it is appropriate to celebrate this history during the month of  
4 September 2013, which has been recognized as Hmong History  
5 Month; and

6 WHEREAS, The Lao-Hmong, or free people, are greatly  
7 respected and admired for their dedicated service and valiant  
8 support of the United States Armed Forces and its allies during  
9 the Vietnam war; and

10 WHEREAS, Many Lao-Hmong served in the “Secret Army,”  
11 which was funded by the CIA and included Special Guerilla units  
12 and other Special Forces, to thwart the Pathet Lao and North  
13 Vietnamese Army in Laos, Cambodia, and Thailand from 1960 to  
14 1975; and

15 WHEREAS, The members of this Laotian hill tribe are known  
16 for their warrior traditions, loyalty, and bravery, as evidenced by  
17 their contributions to guarding United States personnel and Air  
18 Force radar installations, gathering critical intelligence on enemy  
19 movement and operations, performing rescue missions to save  
20 downed United States pilots, and fighting in conventional and  
21 guerilla combat against overwhelming forces, including several  
22 North Vietnamese divisions, to disrupt the flow of troops and  
23 supplies along the Ho Chi Minh Trail; and

24 WHEREAS, A conservative estimate of over 35,000 brave  
25 Lao-Hmong men, women, and children lost their lives; more than  
26 50,000 were wounded; and more than 2,500 are missing in action;  
27 and

28 WHEREAS, These numbers do not include the devastating loss  
29 of 30,000 lives when the Lao-Hmong fell victim to retributive  
30 ethnic cleansing starting in 1975 and continuing to this day, nor  
31 the thousands forced into reeducation camps or who perished  
32 attempting to cross the Mekong River into Thailand; and

33 WHEREAS, In addition to the devastation to their homes and  
34 way of life, thousands of Lao-Hmong soldiers and their families  
35 became a countryless people when they commenced their perilous  
36 flight to seek safe refuge in other countries, such as Argentina,  
37 Canada, China, France, Japan, New Zealand, and the United  
38 States—a mass exodus that continues to this day; and

1 WHEREAS, The Lao-Hmong's heroic and significant  
2 contributions to the United States during their fighting efforts in  
3 Laos and the positive influence they have since had upon the  
4 American way of life will not be forgotten; now, therefore, be it

5 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
6 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature takes great pleasure in  
7 recognizing September 2013 as Hmong History Month, extends  
8 deep appreciation to the Hmong men, women, and children who  
9 served the United States with loyalty and bravery, urges all citizens  
10 to join in celebrating the accomplishments of the Hmong people  
11 during Hmong History Month, and encourages the people of  
12 California to recognize the many talents, achievements, and  
13 contributions that the Hmong people make to our communities;  
14 and be it further

15 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
16 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.